

SUBCOMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
of the
ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE

Report of the Subcommittee for the Fiscal Year 1966

1. During the Fiscal Year 1966 no formal meetings of the Subcommittee on Transportation were held, but procedures exist whereby meetings can be convened when requested by any member. The only formal work accomplished by the Subcommittee during the year consisted of the preparation of a contribution to The International Trade and Transport of Communist China, 1964, EIC R16-S6, December 1965. Informal contacts among transportation specialists of the member agencies, nevertheless, resulted in highly satisfactory working level liaison, exchange of intelligence and informal coordination throughout the year. Representatives from the member agencies are also serving on a technical subcommittee for the purpose of supporting the Inter-agency Intelligence Advisory Group on Exchanges in connection with the forthcoming exchange of delegations with the USSR in the field of civil aviation.

2. The decision to maintain informal contacts with member agencies rather than formal contacts through regular meetings of the Subcommittee has been necessitated by the high priority tasks imposed on the transportation intelligence community, particularly those associated with the war in Vietnam. Adherence to a formal meeting schedule would have diverted a large number of scarce man-hours on the part of some members and would have worked a hardship on other members not concerned directly with many of these high priority tasks.

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3. If the pressure of high priority intelligence research requirements on Vietnam and Southeast Asia in general abates, it is hoped that the Subcommittee will be able to make further progress with the program as outlined in the EIC Handbook and in the Terms of Reference on the Subcommittee. The policy of the Subcommittee will continue to be to convene formal meetings upon the request of any member when such action is deemed appropriate or necessary.